

The Vital Connection

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

276 W. First Street, Denton, NC

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He is not here; He has risen!

Matthew 28:6

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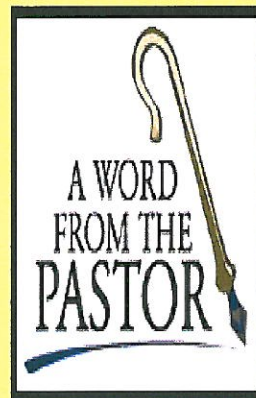
Deadline for News & Pictures

April 24, 2016

Words from Warren...

Bishop Gerald Kennedy once told of a diamond merchant who found one of the world's largest diamonds, about the size of a large walnut. In order to get it to his company's office in London, we acquired a small steel box and hired four security guards to transport it. Even in the ship's safe, it was guarded by two men. But when the package arrived at the company office, it contained only a lump of coal. Three days later, the real diamond arrived by ordinary parcel post in a plain package. The owner had correctly assumed that most people would pay no attention to an ordinary cardboard box. That is the way God sent his Son into this world, and that is the way He took Him out of the world. Jesus came as an ordinary baby, born to ordinary people in an ordinary place. And He died between two common thieves. In that death, however, there was the sign of divine love and the confirmation of our victory over sin and death. But the sad thing is that many people still pass our Lord by because they are unimpressed with the plain package. We need to remember that the important things in life are not always the most noticeable. And indeed the most creative, constructive, giving people and the most significant witnesses to the love of God in the world—are not always the loudest and most obvious Christians. There is an encouraging word here for the person who serves Christ quietly, faithfully and without fanfare. So many people day after day, build bridges of love and share hope and joy without anyone being aware of it. Thank you God for the "Little Saints," the quiet people who serve their Lord in small meaningful ways to make this world one like God intended it to be.

Happy Easter! Rev. Warren Miller



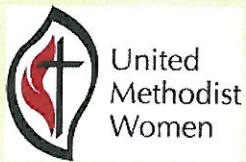
HAPPY Retirement

As we sadly bid farewell, we joyfully wish a Happy Retirement to
TERRY AND JUDY BOWMAN

As they extend a Special Invitation to their Church Family and Many Friends
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016 AT 12:00 CENTRAL CHURCH HUT

Terry and Judy have been dedicated members of Central Church and served this community for nearly 40 years.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

The United Methodist Women of Central Church meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UMW Room downstairs. ALL Women are invited to fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community.

In February, the UMW mailed cards to over 30 shut-ins and those in need. Each month UMW provides desserts to the Open Hands Ministry, fills food bags for the Central Food Pantry, and in February donated \$200 towards "Food for the Homeless" program sponsored by First UMC. Three members attended the Uwharrie Mission Study on Latin America: People & Faith on February



Mark your calendar for May 1st as we celebrate
UMW Sunday with guest speaker Tonya Lanier,
Western NC Conference UMW President

Health & Wellness



In Celebration of Heart Month in February, Health and Wellness held a Lunch-N-Learn with 20 people from the church and community in attendance. Special thanks to the Health and Wellness Committee for your hard work in

CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT TRAINING will be held on April 16, 2016 from 8:30-4:00 at Central UMC. Anyone can attend and registration forms are available in the Church Office. Make a difference in your church today — become certified!



Let us remember to continue to provide non-perishable food items as much as possible to continue to keep our Food Pantry fully stocked.

Please try to purchase can foods with pull-away lids. Items may be left at the



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner held in February resulted in \$646 raised to help the Stop Hunger Now Campaign. Special thanks to all the cooks and Sarah Morris for decorating the hut for this fun



UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM Meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Join In...March 13th and April 10th. **Uwharrie District UMM Breakfast** planned for Saturday,

March 19 at 8:00 a.m. at Central Hut. Rev. Aldana Allen will be guest speaker.

Congratulations **CPR** Certified !!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

UNITED METHODIST MEN



Mark Your Calendars
for the next
UMM Barbecue on
April 16, 2016!



Spread the Word....
Join us for this event!
(Tickets will go on sale in February)



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scouts Meet Every Other Saturday
at 3:00 p.m. in Downstairs Fellowship Hall.
Contact Church Office for exact dates.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13



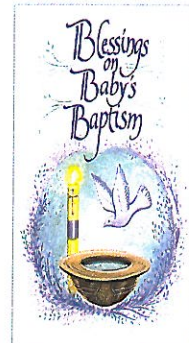
SPRING
AHEAD



Next Meeting
To Be Announced
Sunday, April 17
CANCELLED



Sunday, April 3
BANKS PHILLIP SHORE
Son of
Brandon and Candace Shore
Grandson of Scott Morris
Great-Grandson of
Betty Morris



Sunday, March 20—11:00 Palm Sunday and Palming of the Cross
Friday, March 25—12:00 Noon Good Friday Cross Walk
Sunday, March 27—7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at
Mt. View Cemetery, Old Camp Road
Sunday, March 27—11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service and
Flowering of the Cross—Remember to bring

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary
on Easter Sunday, March 27. Price is \$15.00
each. Order deadline—Monday, March 21
Qty. _____ Amt \$ _____
In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____



Easter Eggs-travaganza

When: **Saturday, March 19**
Time: **12:00—2:00 p.m.**
Place: _____
Activities: **Cake Walk and Candy Give-Away**
Needs: **Candy for Give-Away Bags and
Cakes, Pies, Cookies for Cake Walk
(already packaged)**
And **VOLUNTEERS (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX)**



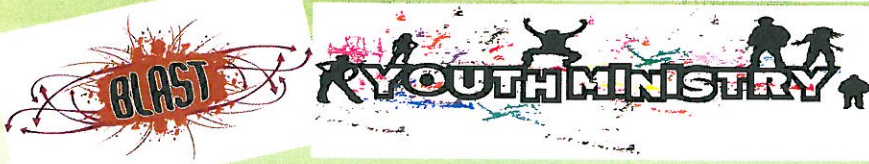
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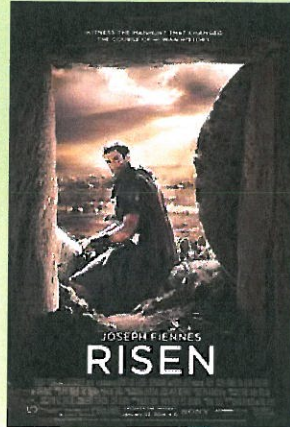
Easter Egg Hunt
Planned for
Central UMC
Little Ones
Easter Sunday
10:00-10:45
Church Grounds



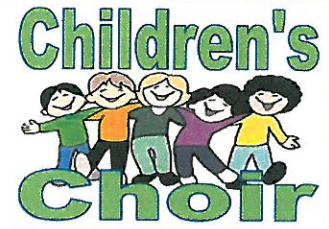


Believers Learning and Sharing Together

B.L.A.S.T. Youth ventured out to the Movies on March 6th to watch "Risen" to learn about the resurrection of Christ. On March 5th they enjoyed Pizza at Papa's and watched The Passion of Christ as a pre-view to Risen to learn about the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior. Special thanks to all of the donations raised at the Valentine's Day Spaghetti Luncheon which helped make these outings possible.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Children's Choir Sings Joyful Sounds for us all

Special Thanks to Nathan and Shawna Kinley for teaching the Children's Choir to make joyful sounds for the Lord!

Children's Choir meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Hut. Join today!

SPECIAL MUSIC ON EASTER SUNDAY!!!

K- 5TH CLASS

Join Sarah Morris and Kitty King's Class as they teach our children ages from Kindergarten to 5th Grade.



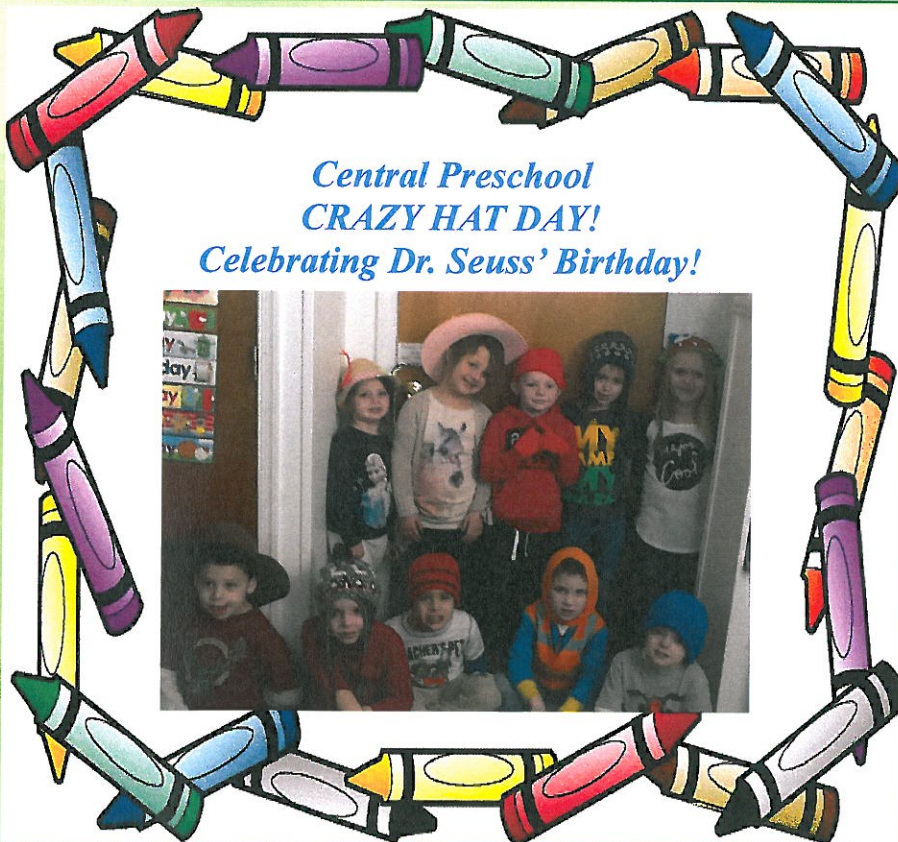
Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.
There's always snacks, crafts, and a bible lesson.
"Don't forget to bring your new bible to class — this will help you learn more about God's Holy Word!"



Believers Learning and Sharing Together

MAKE PLANS FOR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 27
10:00-10:45
CHURCH GROUNDS



**Central Preschool
CRAZY HAT DAY!
Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday!**



Sunday Worship Leaders — March and April, 2016

USHERS

MARCH

Roger & Beth Ligon

APRIL

Dale & Glenda Futrell

GREETERS

MARCH

Dick & Diane Getz

APRIL

Scott Morris &

Teresa Brewer

CHILDREN'S TIME

March 6: Rev. Miller

March 13: Sarah Morris

March 20: Ann Crouse

March 27: Tina Lanier

April 3: Rev. Miller

April 10: Beth Ligon

April 17: Donna Morris

April 24: Rick Phillips

LAY READERS

March 6: Stewart Sexton

March 13: Rick Phillips

March 20: Chase Cross

March 27: Cathy Ward

April 3: Andy Morris

April 10: Debbie Sigmon

April 17: Jocelyn Kearns

April 24: Kathy Baum

ACOLYTES

March 6: Joseph Smith

March 13: Olivia Parker

March 20: Gavin Walton

March 27: Chase Cross &
Matthew Lanier

April 3: Summer Cook

April 10: Chase Cross

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 6: Adalyn & Esko

Nopanen

March 13: Margaret & Steve

Harris

March 20: Palm Sunday

March 27: Easter Sunday

April 3: Chuck Crouch

April 10: Joanne Harrolds'

Family

April 17: Judy & Terry

Bowman

April 24: Anne & Reid Crouse

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance, please call Billie Allison at 859-0485.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Jan. 3 \$5,204.00

Jan. 10 \$4,863.00

Jan. 17 \$2,452.00

Jan. 24 \$ 837.00

Jan. 31 \$5,837.00

Feb. 7 \$6,331.00

Feb. 14 \$4,004.00

Feb. 21 \$4,953.00

Feb. 28 \$4,279.00

NON BUDGET RECEIPTS

Emergency \$120.00

Backpack \$200.00

Choir Fund \$300.00

Food Pantry \$ 75.00

STOP Hunger Now \$646.00

STOP Hunger Now \$255.25

BLAST (Youth) \$642.68

ATTENDANCE

Worship SS

Jan. 3 87 36

Jan. 10 102 40

Jan. 17 98 31

Jan. 24 16 —

Jan. 31 98 36

Feb. 7 118 38

Feb. 14 110 31

Feb. 21 92 41

Feb. 28 80 25



CHURCH MEMBERS

Jack Briggs, Joan Briggs,

Lexi Baum, Gary Cole,

Janice Esposito, Shelby Futrell,

Dick Getz, Pam Harrison,

Lillie Hill, Danny Hill,

Jerrie Lomax, Diza Morris,

Addie Phillips, Craig Sigmon,

Johnnie Sigmon, Othell & Ava

Lee Surratt, Sam Whitlock and

Peggy Wilkins

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Mack Cranford Rm #94

Catherine Leonard Rm #53

Edith Sigmon Rm #59

George Tillotson Rm #89

Vae C. Davis Rm #92

Hervey Yates Rm #112

Margaret Hunt Rm #108

Odessa Gallimore Rm #52

MILITARY

Matt Beanblossom,

Brian Sexton, Ryan Smithling,

Vernon Tysinger

May the Glory of God Bless Each of You on the Celebration of Your Special Day!

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

March Birthdays



- 2-Terri Johnson Nolasco, Jacob Cabrera,
Julie Carroll, Terri Johnson
- 3-Kurt Beyeler, Erin Bean, Kay Taylor
- 4-Lee Bowden, Gaye Markham,
Dustin Graham
- 5-Cylie Cabrera, Tony Vazquez,
Gabriel Crouch, Adeline Calhoun,
Ann Morris Luck
- 6-Lori Jones, Madalyn Willet, JP Hamilton, Jr.
- 7-Cathy Morris, Shawna Kinley
- 8-Piper Vazquez, Alyssa Futrell, Mary Skeen,
Bowman Carrott
- 9-Scott Hinesley, Roxie Rayburn
- 10-Piper Linthicum, Hunter Smith, Laura Ann Harrison
- 11-Rachel Davis, David Lanier
- 12-Amanda Beanblossom, Sean Kennedy,
Mya Lynn Simpson
- 13-Janet Moses
- 14-Kallie Gentile
- 15-Stewart Sexton, Lynda Kearns, Jerry Lanier,
Jason Morris, Asher Crouse
- 17-Leah Hulin
- 18-Meagan Young, May Bisher, Emily Harrison
- 19-Matthew Dockham
- 20-John Lomax III, Susan May bland, Nickolas Morris
- 21-Glenda Futrell, Stella Beth Sizemore,
- 22-Edith Sigmon, Jerry Dockham, Robert Rieger, Jr.,
Bo Carroll, Matthew Kiser, Lisa Grubb,
Carolyn Lovell
- 23-Linda Markham
- 24-Ryleigh Howard, Johnnie Sigmon
- 25-Laura Walton, Steven Clark
- 26-Judy Covil
- 27-Katherine Morris, Dennis Cadle, Grace Garner
- 28-Irving Surratt, Johnathan Crouse, Annabelle Jones,
Jody Jackson, Emily Smith Earle
- 29-Holly Berg
- 30-Eddie Richey, Suzanne Surratt, Bo Chitwood, River
Trent, Jay Lanier, Johnathan Loftin
- 31-Debbie Crouch

March Anniversaries

- 11-Esko & Addie Nopanen, Shelby & Benson Futrell
- 13-David & Colbey Garrison
- 16-Sam & Michelle Whitlock, James & Elizabeth Loftin
- 18-Richard & Brenda Wilson, Buddy & Nancy Sexton
- 19-Dale & Glenda Futrell, Brandon & Dianna Killmyer
- 20-Harvey & Doris Crenshaw

April Birthdays

- 1-David Davis, Kermit Kern
- 2-Peggy Slack, Donna Dalton, Annabelle McIntyre
- 3-Dianna Kilmyer, John Mitchell
- 4-Matt Howard, Nicholas Glover, Dean Bulakowski
- 5-Kaci Markham, Elliott Chitwood
- 6-Joe Mitchell, Conner Earle
- 7-Joanne Harrold, Colton Kennedy, Judy Boggs
- 8-Imelda Morris, Esko Nopanen, Joey Layne,
Chrissy Hedrick, Othell Surratt
- 9-Kerry Gallimore
- 10-Lona Everhart, Samantha Sexton
- 11-Devon Smith, Bella Sexton, Briana Smith
- 12-Amy Ruwell, Jim Boggs, Marsha Surratt
- 13-Jacob Clodfelter, Larry Fritts, Lee Ann Smith
- 15-Hailey Calhoun
- 16-Larry Cook, Marcia Everhart
- 17-Zachary Ligon, Tony Frank
- 19-Gretchen Crouse
- 21-Ronnie Hall, Susan Allen, Ellie Hege
Sydney Morris
- 22-Dustin Marshall
- 23-Reedling Harris, Steve Davis
- 24-Peggy Marshall, Denver Moses, April Parker
- 25-Amy Rudisill, Gina Grubb
- 28-Michael Baum, Baysden Harris, Sarah Parker,
Abaigail Pope
- 29-Judith Bowman, Vickie Clark, Jeff Hulin
- 30-Lawrence Ridge, Savannah Surratt, David Pope

April Anniversaries

- 5-Aaron & Candice Smith
- 7-Scott & Sharon Hinesley
- 10-Brantly & Jamie Surratt
- 13-Bob & Barbara Judy
- 14-Larry & LaRue Cook
- 17-David & Melody Allen,
Kermit & Edith Kern
Baxter & Marsha Surratt
- 18-Thomas & Dina Critcher
- 21-Keith & Cathy Morris
Rob & Devona Dunn
- 26-Rick & Angie Nelson
- 27-Rickie & Rhonda Workman
- 28-Neil & Suzanne Bulakowski
Heath & Lisa Cranford



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MARCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women meet	2 8:30 a.m. Pre-School Noon – Lenten Service at Central – Rev. Richard Gould – Soup and Sandwich Lunch 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	3 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 3:00 p.m. Bingo at Mt Vista – Host: WOW Lodge # 976	4	5
6 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 2:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	7 Denton Ladies Civitans meet	8 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:00 p.m. Vitality Group 7:00 p.m. Health & Welfare	9 8:30 a.m. Pre-School Noon – Lenten Service at Central – Rev. Tammy Talbert – Soup and Sandwich Lunch 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	10 8:30 a.m. Pre-School	11 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries	12 7:00 a.m. – Noon Cub Scout Yard Sale
13 8:00 a.m. Methodist Men 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 2:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 2:00 Time Change	14	15 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	16 8:30 a.m. Pre-School Noon – Lenten Service at Central – Rev. Scott Davis – Soup and Sandwich Lunch 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	17 8:30 a.m. Pre-School	18 Cub Scouts go camping at Boone's Cave 7:00 Drop off Cakewalk Items at Hut	19 12-2:00 Cakewalk Harrison Park 8:00 UMM District Breakfast
20 9:30 a.m. Serv. at Mt. Vista 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 2:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	21 Denton Ladies Civitans meet	22 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	23 8:30 a.m. Pre-School Noon – Lenten Service at Central – Rev. Joe Conley Soup and Sandwich Lunch 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	24 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 6:00-8:00 p.m. Maunday Thursday Communion Recreation at First UMC	25 Good Friday Cross Walk beginning at First UMC to Harrison Park 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries	26
27 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:00 Central umc Egg Hunt	28 3:00 p.m. Jewelry Small Group	29 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting	30 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	31 8:30 a.m. Pre-School		
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APRIL

3 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 2:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	4 1:30-6:00 p.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Hut Denton Ladies Civitans	5 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in Hut 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women meet	6 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	7 8:30 a.m. Pre-School 3:00 p.m. Bingo at Mt. Vista Host: WOW Lodge # 976	8 4:30 p.m. Older Adult Ministries	9 Cub Scouts Lock-in and Pinewood Derby
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